

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, composition claims 1-21, for prosecution in this application.

Due to the restriction requirement, applicants have cancelled claims 22-24 without prejudice to their rights to file a divisional application for them. Also, applicants have added new composition claims 30-31. These claims should be examined with the Group I claims since it is well settled that the patentability of a product-by-process claim must be evaluated on the basis of the product claim and not on the process recitations in that claim.

It is also submitted that the restriction requirement is incorrect at least as to process claims 25-29. Since the patentability of the composition claims would, of necessity, require a search of the prior art with regard to the process of making such compositions, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner also remove the restriction requirement as to claims 25-29 as well and to examine claims 1-21 and 25-31 together in this application.

No fee is believed to be due for this response. Should any fees be required, however, please charge them to Winston & Strawn deposit account no. 501-814.

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